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SECRETARY RUSK CLEARS UP DOUBTS

WALTER CRONKITE: In Washington, Mrs. Lloyd Bucher, the wife of the skipper of the captured US intelligence ship Pueblo met for more than an hour this afternoon with Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

CBS News correspondent, Marvin Kalb reports.

KALB: Secretary Rusk seemed to persuade Mrs. Bucher the Administration is working hard to get the crew released but plans no force against North Korea.

Afterwards, her lawyer, Miles Harvey, said Rusk has cleared up one of her doubts.

HARVEY: There has been the question raised and the doubt has existed as to the nature of the operation of the USS Pueblo; the CIA has been brought into the picture.

The Secretary of State today stated unequivocally that the ship was under naval command, operating under naval orders, had no connection with the Central Intelligence Agency; and the only two civilians on board were not employed by or in any way connected with the CIA.

This has been a worry of Mrs. Bucher's in the past and this worry has now been laid to rest.